

We are opposing the FCC Proceedings order 17-79.

The Federal Communications Commission officially moved to roll back the National Environmental Policy Act for small wireless infrastructure projects.

In an order published this morning in the Federal Register, the agency exempted small, unobtrusive cell towers used for 5G wireless networks from permitting under NEPA and the National Historic Preservation Act.

The technology promises to revolutionize wireless connectivity by relying on a large number of "small cell" towers, rather than the larger facilities of older networks.

Wireless industry groups say the FCC's order will speed their deployment of 5G, particularly in rural areas with disregard to environmental effects including national preservation areas and disregard to effects on wildlife including endangered animals. The emphasis on rural areas disproportionately affects poorer populations.

5G radiation effects are unknown and implementation at this large scale without further studying of this effect on plant and wildlife is negligent and will detrimentally affect our environment and wildlife including endangered species.

It can possibly change the way our world is today by detrimentally affecting the environment the way we know it today and will not be the same for future generations and possibly lead to worsening of global warming and death of our endangered species.